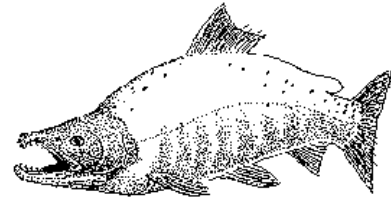


**Federal Office of  
Subsistence Management  
Fishery Information Services**

**Alaska Region**



***REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS***

***FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES RESOURCE MONITORING PROGRAM – 2001***

***INTRODUCTION***

The Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) invites the submission of pre-proposals for fisheries investigations. OSM seeks to fund studies to gather, analyze, and report information that is needed for effective subsistence fisheries management on federal conservation units in Alaska. This package contains three items to assist your preparation of a fishery investigation pre-proposal:

- Ranking Factors for Federal Subsistence Fisheries Projects
- Issues and Information Needs of the Federal Subsistence Fisheries Monitoring Program
- Guidelines for Preparing Pre-Proposals for Fishery Investigations

The ranking factors printed on the back of this page describe the criteria that will be used to select pre-proposals for further consideration. The second item (enclosed) identifies regional subsistence fisheries concerns identified by Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). Pre-proposals should develop investigations to address these concerns. The guidelines document (enclosed) describes how to prepare a pre-proposal.

***SCHEDULE***

September 15	Pre-proposals due.
October 15	Investigation plans requested for pre-proposals selected for further consideration.
November 15	Investigation plans due.
December 15	Investigation plans for 2001 (draft annual studies plan) distributed to RACs, tribes, public agencies, and other organizations for review and comments.
February 15	RACs make recommendations on the DRAFT annual studies plan for 2001.
Late February	Federal Subsistence Board decides on annual studies plan for 2001.
Early March	Successful investigators notified.

***DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION***

All pre-proposals must be prepared as described in *Guidelines for Preparing Pre-Proposals for Fisheries Projects* and be received by **September 15, 2000**.

***ADDRESS***

Mail pre-proposals and supporting information (e.g., letters of support) to:

Fisheries Information Services  
Office of Subsistence Management  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
3601 C Street, Suite 1030  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

***QUESTIONS??***

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact by mail Fisheries Information Services of the Office of Subsistence Management at the above address or by phone

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# ***RANKING FACTORS FOR FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES PROJECTS***

## ***STRATEGIC PRIORITIES***

Ideal projects will be responsive to the issues and information needs identified within the Regional Advisory Councils (see *Issues and Information Needs of the Federal Subsistence Fisheries Monitoring Program*). Projects should address the criteria listed below and must fully meet the first criteria to be eligible for federal subsistence funding.

1. **Federal Jurisdiction** – Issue or information needs addressed in projects must have a direct association to a subsistence fishery within a federal conservation unit.
2. **Conservation Mandate** – Risk to the conservation of species and populations that support subsistence fisheries and risk to conservation unit purposes.
3. **Allocation Priority** – Risk of failure to provide a priority to subsistence uses and risk that subsistence harvest needs will not be met.
4. **Data Gaps** – Amount of information available to support subsistence management (higher priority given where a lack of information exists).
5. **Role of Resource** – Importance of a species to a subsistence harvest (e.g., number of villages affected, pounds of fish harvested, miles of river) and qualitative significance (e.g., cultural value, unique seasonal role).
6. **Local Concern** – Level of user concerns over subsistence harvests (e.g., allocation – upstream vs. downstream, recreational use concerns, changes in size of fish).

## ***TECHNICAL- SCIENTIFIC MERIT***

Technical quality of the project design must meet accepted standards for information collection, compilation, analysis, and reporting. Excellent projects will have clear study objectives, appropriate sampling design, correct statistical analysis procedures, and specified progress and final reports.

## ***PAST PERFORMANCE- ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERTISE***

Investigators and their organizations should have demonstrated technical and administrative expertise to complete the project or have co-investigators or appropriate partnerships with other organizations to meet all requirements of the project. Projects must be non-duplicative with other projects. Principal and co-investigators should possess the expertise required to complete the project and have had successful experience with similar projects.

## ***PARTNERSHIP- CAPACITY BUILDING***

Projects must include appropriate partners and contribute to the capacities of agencies, local communities, and residents to participate in fishery resource management. Projects must have completed appropriate consultation about their project with local villages and communities in the area where the project is to be conducted (letters of support from local organizations add to the strength of a proposal). Investigators and their organizations should be able to demonstrate the ability to maintain effective local relationships and a commitment to capacity building.